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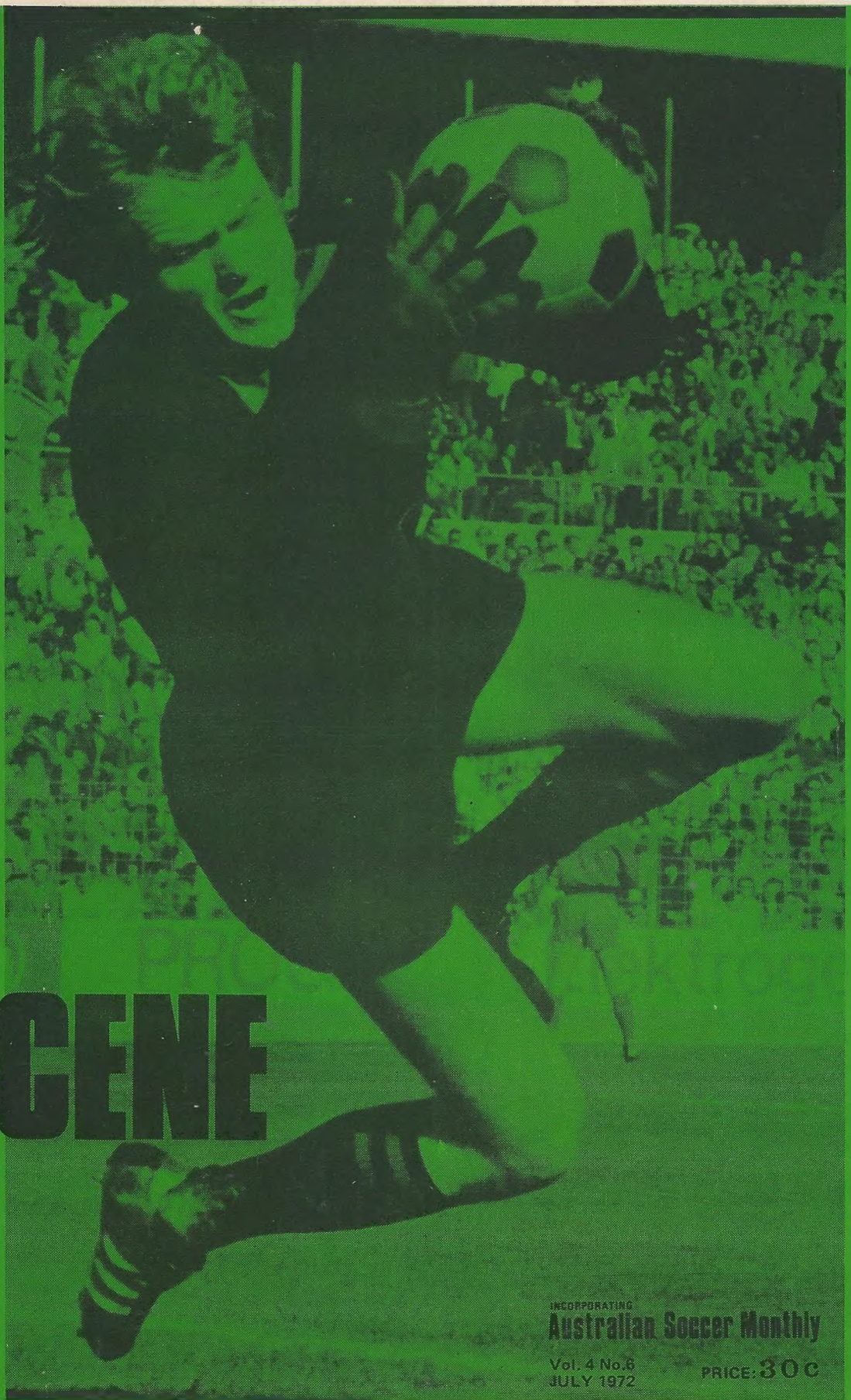

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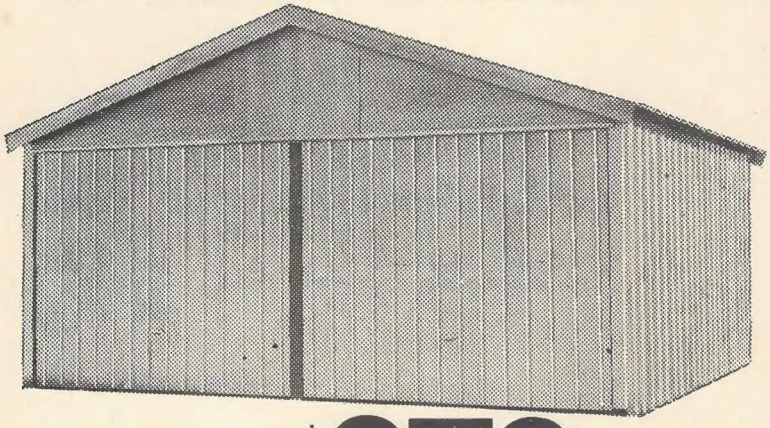

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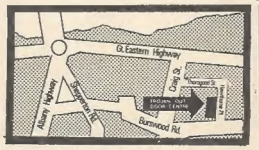

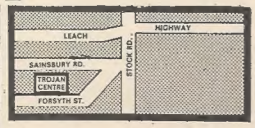

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TWO VIEWS ON THE NATIONAL SQUAD

by Glyn Griffiths
in Sydney

If Australia is represented by a team of Sydney players in the next World Cup, it will be no surprise. That message came through loud and clear from the Dundee v Australia match played at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

After all, what have the other States to offer? Against Dundee, Australia fielded eight NSW representatives, plus Roger Romanowicz (S.A.), Jim Mackay and Bill Vojtek(both Victoria). Romanowicz and Vojtek did little against Dundee to suggest they will be selected in Australia's next international engagement. Jim Mackay was the only non-NSW man to indicate he can break the stranglehold which Sydney now has on the national team.

It is a sad state of affairs for our international future.

One important South Australian legislator admitted frankly: "There is not one player in this State I would confidently recommend to Rale Rasic as being worth a place in the national side." And an equally important official from Brisbane told me the same thing about the talent in Queensland. The picture seems little better in Victoria, where most of the top players are imported and would not be permitted to represent Australia under FIFA regulations. Western Australia may have some international team prospects, but I have my doubts.

It is all wrong when one State can so dominate the national picture, but facts must be faced. Sydney players are more talented, better trained, and far more dedicated to their soccer. They have to be, because they are earning good money from the game, and cannot afford to lapse into the less professional outlook of players in other States.

If there is one position in the national team which NSW cannot fill satisfactorily, that position is goalkeeper. It may seem a cruel condemnation, but there is no goalie in NSW with true international qualifications. Probably the best two are Frank Haffey (Hakoah) and Ron Corry (South Sydney). Haffey, as a Scottish international, would not be allowed to represent Australia. Corry, written off a couple of years ago for international duty, is now in his 30s and seems most unlikely to get a recall from his country.

That is why coach Rale Rasic was so keen to see Roger Romanowicz produce a big game against Dundee. The unlucky Romanowicz made the headlines all right — but not in the way he would have liked. His handling of the ball was novice-like and there is little doubt that he has played for Australia for the last time.

Nevertheless, there were many good things to come out of the Dundee match in Adelaide. Full-backs George Harris and Bobby Hogg turned in great games, as did Jim Mackay, Peter Wilson and Adrian Alston. Jimmy Rooney matched the Dundee players in midfield skills despite earning a few debit marks for sloppy distribution of the ball. This means at least six of Australia's players, in a side unlucky to lose 1-2, proved they have genuine World Cup ability. And that's a healthy start as we take our initial steps on the road to West Germany and 1974.

Now Rasic must strive to fill the gaps caused by indifferent Adelaide performances from Romanowicz, Abonyi, Vojtek and, possibly, John Watkiss. Ray Baartz, despite being out of form against Dundee, has enough ability to warrant retention in the national squad.

Australia's biggest worry is the goalkeeping position. Next, the wing positions. If Rasic can find tip-top performers to take over from Romanowicz, Abonyi and Vojtek, he will have solved most of his problems for next year's World Cup elimination tournaments.

We cannot afford to be complacent, despite an excellent work-out against Dundee. Neither should we be despondent. The future is brighter, at national-level, than it has been for many years.

by Tom McKain
in Adelaide

"Go east young man" is the message being spelt out to young players in SA.

The latest "epistle" came from the Australians' game against Scottish tourists Dundee at Hindmarsh Stadium.

As was the case in the SA-NSW match earlier this year, we saw how fitter, faster and more accomplished the NSW players in the squad were compared to the local brand.

And the support the Australians — one South Australian, two Victorians and the rest NSW — got from the local crowd indicated the "Knock-NSW-Movement" is dying fast.

It was good, and yet disturbing, to hear spectators who attend only touring team games say that if they could see: "this type of soccer every week I would come every Saturday".

While Dundee won 2-1, the play of the Australians was way above the standard seen in normal club matches.

And it is beginning to get through to young players that if they hope to make the big time they will have to head for Sydney.

That is, unless the much-talked-about national league comes sooner than we think.

But what is disturbing from an SA angle is that none of the top clubs appear to be making much effort to break into the potted national league between NSW and Victoria, which is proposed for the end of the season.

Perhaps work is being done on the quiet, but I see no need for keeping it a secret if clubs are making a concentrated effort to expand their horizons.

As far as I can see, NSW is pulling way ahead of other States. While SA's youngsters won the Australian Youth Championship last year, they appear unlikely to make the national team unless they go to Sydney.

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THE BARDON BABES

by The Planner in Brisbane

After reading and agreeing wholeheartedly with Glyn Griffiths article "Give Youngsters a Go" in the May issue I believe he and other readers may like to hear about the Bardon Babes.

Bardon-Latrobe is a Brisbane first division side formed in 1969 by an amalgamation of Bardon, the city's oldest amateur team, and Latrobe, the oldest "semi-pro" outfit.

The playing strength of the club consists of three senior squads and 13 junior sides. The club is self supporting, having no outside aid or backing. In fact, it would be true to say they are the youngest and poorest of Brisbane's top sides. However, many shrewd observers would say they are, at administrative and playing level, the most progressive of all, an economical miracle when one considers the lack of funds.

One major stumbling block to a successful and complete amalgamation was the reputation Latrobe had gained when they pioneered the importation of players back in 1960. This "foreign" tag caused parents to take their kids elsewhere and older players to move on, all complaining about never having a chance to make the top grade. Some others adopted a wait-and-see attitude, an unwelcome undercurrent that did not aid the executive in its team spirit building plans.

After one season, when the newly-promoted first team established itself in the first division (they finished fourth), it was decided to lay this no-chance-for-the-young tag. This led to an exercise, known within the club as "The Experiment," essentially an opportunity for Australian youth, given the proper environment, to prove itself to the executive and supporters.

PHASE ONE — Steps were taken to form a side made up of all the promising youths within the club structure. An unofficial age limit was placed on the squad, this being 20, and the side was entered in an open division with the Brisbane structure. This in itself did not go down too well in high places because, at the time the Federation was embarking on a similar plan with a closed Colts Division.

However, those at the club believed if the youngsters were to prove themselves, they had to do so in an open league where they would meet the whole range of opponents from the old "has-been" players to the "rough and tumble" merchant, who had never quite made the grade. After all, the old adage "learn from experience" means just that and it was essential to their soccer education to do so.

Meanwhile, a 24-year-old Australian coach, newly passed at an advanced level, was given complete charge of the squad. His job was to improve their fitness and skills, and although advised in many phases by the first-team manager and the club's senior coach, he had ultimate control in selection, tactics, training methods etc. All training was done with a ball in an effort to crash improve skills, and after every game, win, lose, or draw, an examination and analysis of the play was made to make sure the lessons learned were used to benefit their own game.

Tacticly they were playing a wide-open game so that their talents were allowed the widest scope and, after a six-week period of blending, they suddenly clicked and thus began an extraordinary success story. They finished last season second in their league to Polonia, a fully-fledged first division reserve team and beat them 1-0 to take out the division's Grand Final.

A new and interesting side showed itself at this time. Summer in Queensland is surf and sand time, yet for the first time ever it was noticed that this team now continued training right through the break. Thus ended phase one.

PHASE TWO — This began when the club decided to show faith in the kids at an administrative level. The team was promoted en bloc into a higher division, at the same time being informed they were now the club's official reserve pool. Excluding the first team pool, all players over 20 on the club's books were informed of this decision and were allowed to leave if so desired. The team was now outfitted in the best kit available in Australia and as a further test were entered in a small pre-season tournament with other first division sides.

It was here the results of work and patience began to show. In their first match they drew 1-1 with Hellenic, current leaders in first division, in the next game they beat Wynnum, who last season were relegated from first, 2-1, then thrashed the newly-promoted Oxley 3-0 to reach the final. Here some misfortune caught up and they played Coalstars without three of their regulars and some forced positional changes. They played magnificently and held out 3-2 until twenty minutes from the end, eventually losing 7-3 to a vastly experienced Coalstars eleven that contained one Australian rep. and two Queensland reps.

By now the squad was being matured tacticly and were using a fluent 4-3-3 system. At this time, the first team had occasion to use nine of these kids during different matches and all acquitted themselves well. They know they are on the verge of breaking through and are encouraged to think this way. The youngsters are now engaged in their higher division programme and at the time of writing their figures show P.6 W6 D.0 L.0 F.29 A.6 Pts.12.

Perhaps it should be said here that the average age of this team is 18. The club has now decided to commence with a plan to use its third side as another nursery.

What can then be learnt from this experiment? It has proved to the club that given the proper environment (i.e. incentive, coaching, administration) and a chance to prove themselves, a team of Australian youths can become a force to be reckoned with.

Before the knockers begin, one thing has to be said. No-one at Bardon claims this team is world class. What they ask is, if a club like Bardon Latrobe can achieve this on a budget of $500, what SHOULD be achieved by the big money outfits of Australian soccer?

One Bardon official puts it this way: "If the standard achieved in 18 months and the rate of progress maintained under Bardon conditions, what would these kids have done under full-time conditions?"

This is a good question, one the reader may ponder when next he reads of the five figure contracts handed out to the big names of coaching and playing who come and go on our soccer scene like the seasons of the year, but with a lot less long-term effect.

National Names

If clubs will not adopt an Australian, rather than a European, image, one Sydney newspaper is prepared to show them how.

This season, "The Sun" has deliberately put the accent on districts, rather than on the foreign names favoured by many clubs. The changes have not been revolutionary, but they have caused much comment — most of it favourable.

For instance, Apia Leichhardt is now called Leichhardt Apia. And Hakoah Eastern Suburbs is called, Eastern Suburbs Hakoah. Clubs like South Sydney Croatia and Yugal Ryde are called simply South Sydney and Ryde.

It's about time somebody accepted the fact that soccer can never appeal to the mass of Aussies while it restricts its outlook to European migrant minorities.

The man who made the decision that "The Sun" should give soccer a more Australian look, was sporting editor John Benaud. As all cricket fans will agree, Benaud is one of the most aggressive, talented batsmen playing the summer game. He is just as hard-hitting in his crusade to give soccer a more attractive image.

It is a great pity the NSW Federation executive did not make a similar decision years ago, without having to be prodded by a sporting editor.

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Most players seem to enjoy criticising their club coaches—but not Drew Dunlop of South Coast United. Says Dunlop: "Our coach Les Scheinflug is working miracles at Woonona." Dunlop, recently honoured by Australia, was referring to Coast's excellent results with a team which, man for man, looks one of the poorest in the competition.

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BOOM IN PERTH, BUT crowds cause problems

by David Andrews

Soccer is having something of a boom in Western Australia.

From a low point in 1971, when internal strife just about had the game on its back and down and out, the code has taken off with an unprecedented bang.

The old cry "where is the publicity?" has stopped. The local daily papers have more than doubled their coverage per week, while the new Sunday Independent regularly has two pages of soccer news, including a Saturday match report. The Sunday Times maintains a column and match report from Saturday.

Added to this, the A.B.C. has a 10 to 20 minute radio show on Saturday morning and a five-minute segment in the T.V. sports show in the evening. Radio 6IX gives a round up of the games to come at Saturday lunch time, while Channel Nine TV gives good coverage.

The Rothmans Gold Medal has quickly become a major sporting item, as has a $3-a-goal award to the top-scorer by the motor bike firm Ken George, which specialises in Yamaha.

From juniors, now in schools officially, to the seniors, the game has advanced this year beyond most peoples dreams.

A recent junior coaching clinic conducted by Channel Nine and Adidas, the soccer boot firm, was a resounding success for the W.A. coaches body and the W.A. Federation. More than 6,000 kids attended a three-day programme held at the magnificent Perry Lakes Stadium.

The standard of play generally has shot up, as have the crowds.

One game between Azzurri and East Fremantle-Tricolore attracted 6,000 on a Sunday.

The people got their money's worth as Azzurri established a 4-1 lead and then blew it and lost 4-5. No-one left before the end of the match, consequently there were difficulties in getting away.

The most heartening aspect of the game has been the raising of the standards of the referees. For years we have complained and been used to a low standard. So when the first few matches suddenly showed an improvement not much notice was taken, many feeling that it was just one of those things. But the improvement has been maintained. Certainly there are still bad performances and some had led to trouble.

Only a few weeks ago, a riot occurred at the Belmont Oval, where Ascot, a pre-season favourite, managed to snap out of the struggling year to beat top-fancy East Fremantle-Tricolore 2-1.

The diabolical refereeing performance, aided by equally poor linesmen, led to a disgusting disturbance.

Goals, fairly scored, were disallowed, while at least one goal was blatantly offside and allowed.

Incompetent refereeing is hard to live with, but even if it costs the lead on the championship ladder, as it did for Tricolore on this occasion, assaults on officials cannot be excused.

No club official could be held to blame. It was an attack by a usual senseless mob, which moves without reason. These people can injure and maybe even kill before they realise what they are doing.

These incidents hurt the image of soccer in this country, even when you point out that exactly the same thing happens in any other code and many other sports.

Soccer is reaching for the supremacy held by other codes, and the other codes quite frankly are scared of the power of soccer nationally and particularly internationally. Therefore, in our attack we are forced to suffer the silly and useless acts of the people who soccer are trying to please.

The Soccer Federation of W.A. met quickly over the latest affair, where a referee was hit by a woman and generally buffetted, and a linesman was hit in the head by a brick. Neither was seriously hurt.

From now on all first division clubs will be required to hire four policemen, instead of two, at all home games, while the second division must have at least two at their home matches.

Added to this all 22 players on the field must come off the ground surrounding the officials. Policemen will then take over the responsibility to make sure these officials leave the grounds in safety.

So because of isolated stupidity, clubs must now go to extra expense and effort to maintain the game's good name. Will we ever learn?

Bobby's Last England Cap?

Bobby Moore's performances against West Germany were so bad that many experts believe he has played his last international for England. If this happens, it is a pity that Bobby's long and illustrious international career could not have ended on a brighter note.

JOE ALAGIC ALMOST GIVES UP SELECTION HOPES

Joe Alagic, probably the fastest player in Australia has almost given up hope of winning international honours.

For the past few years, Alagic (28) has been in brilliant form for his club, Yugal-Ryde. He runs rings around opposing full-backs and scores tremendous goals which have won many a match for his club. But Les Scheinflug and Rale Rasic, coach-selectors of NSW and Australian teams, treat Joe Alagic as if he has leprosy.

WE MUST TRY MORE THAN ELEVEN PLAYERS

by Roger Hunter

Rale Rasic, coach of Australia's national team, wants to take a party of 20 players with him on the tour of Asia at the end of this season.

If he is given permission to select such a big squad, will he give all the players reasonable match experience? Or will he, as in the past, persistently stand by what he regards as his top 11 players for most games?

That is a very important question. The Asian tour is essentially an experimental trip, aimed at the build-up of a top-class Australian squad for World Cup duty. It must be clearly pointed out to Australia's coach that, regardless of his personal pride, match results are of secondary importance. Australia does not have to win every match in Asia. But we do have to see all candidates for our World Cup team in action in international competition.

Rale Rasic, like all coaches, lives and dies on results. When he took the national squad on its world tour in 1970, he rarely looked beyond 11 or 12 players for his team selections — because he wanted results! In the three-match series against Israel, Rasic persisted in selecting the identical 11 players for each game — because he hoped to win the series!

This takes my mind back to the last World Cup expedition by Australia, and the elimination tournament against Korea and Japan in Seoul. Coach in those days was Joe Vlasits, and taking full advantage of FIFA rulings, Vlasits had a squad of about 22 players in Korea for the matches. Yet he used only about 13 or 14 in the four games. So too many members of the squad did nothing in Korea except train daily and sit on the bench at matches.

Reluctance to bring in reserves was evident when Dundee played Australia in Adelaide.

Before the game, coach Rasic had stated that he would probably give wingers Atti Abonyi and Bill Vojtek a rest at half-time and replace them with Terry Butler and Ernie Campbell. In the event, neither Butler nor Campbell was allowed to set foot on the Hindmarsh pitch and Australia lost 1-2 without taking advantage of the substitute rule. This meant we were no better informed on the international potential of Butler and Campbell than before the kick-off.

Why were the pair not given a chance to do their thing? Rale Rasic explained that he did not want to pull anyone off because the team was playing well. Possibly, being such a nice bloke, Rale did not want to offend any player taken off during the match. But there is no room for sentiment in soccer. And I doubt whether any player, realising Australia must experiment, would have complained about being pulled off.

Rale Rasic is an exellent coach. Australia is, indeed, fortunate to have such a man guiding its international future. But Rale will have to realise that it would be a suicidal policy for him to rely on about 11 or 12 players to carry our World Cup hopes.

MARTIN CHIVERS — TOTTENHAM HOTSPURS AND ENGLAND

SOUTHERN SPOTLIGHT

by Tom McKain

And still they come. I'm referring to "imports".

Six arrived in Adelaide last month four for Lion and two for Elizabeth.

We've nothing against the latest batch of UK players, but when will it stop, and where have all those promising youngsters, developed over the last 10 years, gone?

I don't doubt that the Lion newcomers — Pat Baxter, George Morris, John Deal and goalkeeper John Garside (all on the right side of 24) will do well.

They came from the Southern and Central League and walked straight into the Lion first team.

Elizabeth picked up two "veterans" —but with class.

Alex Moyse was with Crystal Palace before joining Romford, while Barrie King, played seven times for England as an amateur, and was with Barnet before sailing for Adelaide.

They are all the types of players our youngsters can learn from.

But what about the "imports" that came before them and made up the bulk of earlier teams.

Did the youngsters 10 years ago learn nothing?

Agreed, there are more home-bred players in clubs sides (at least in Adelaide) than there were when I came here 11 years ago, but there is still room for "imports", and there shouldn't be.

Perhaps Dave White, manager of Scottish club Dundee, had the answer.

"Import coaches for your youngsters," he said.

"The coaches in charge of your senior teams seem competent, but from what I can gather the men in charge of the majority of youngsters lack experience".

And this is backed up by Bernie Weekes, secretary of the giant Elizabeth and District Junior Association, who can usually sweep all schoolboy and colts competitions before them, yet Elizabeth can't produce a winning team.

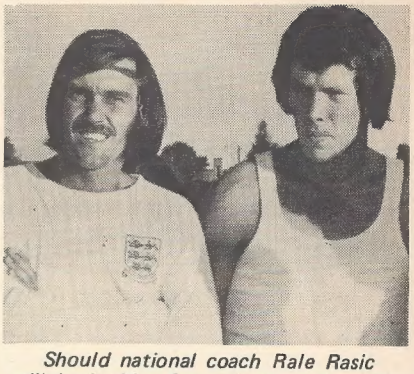
"We lack coaches to polish them after they move into the first stages of the senior ranks," said Weekes.

"In their early days they can all be taught the rudaments of the game, and those with natural talent then develop themselves, but we do not have the experienced coaches to show the boys how to use their natural ability.

"One senior coach has enough on his hands trying to run a first team club squad without having to worry about juniors and colts.

"Until we can afford to pay top experienced coaches to devote their time to young players, we will continue to lose youngsters as potential senior players, as the majority of overseas players can always outshine them because of their experience".

Anyone willing to take notice of White and Weekes?



Should national coach Rale Rasic still be looking for defenders after the Wolves and Santos matches; he could do a lot worse than take a look at SA Hellas pair Roy Burdett (above left) as a centre half, and goalkeeper Dick Stephens (right). Burdett is SA's captain, and is one of those slim fit players, who could measure up to the superior fitness of the NSW players, who always have the edge on candidates from other States. Stephens has yet to make the SA squad, but was considered unlucky not to have been included for the Wolves game. He showed tremendous form in the night series when Hellas won the Cup, and has continued to impress in the winter season, doing as much as any other player to take Hellas to the top of the league.

BRITAIN IN BRIEF

By Peter Taylor

Hereford United, those F.A. Cup giantkillers from the West Country, will play in the fourth division of the English Football League next season. They were elected to replace relegated Barrow by 29 votes to 26. Hereford, who recently sold striker Dudley Tyler to West Ham United, made a profit of $52,000 on their FA Cup run last season which saw them eliminate, among others, Newcastle United . . . Chelsea's John Dempsey and David Webb have gone into the laundry business, specialising in cleaning gear for soccer clubs . . . Newly promoted Brentford have signed Stewart Houston, 22, a utility player lent to them by Chelsea last season for a period of 15 games. Houston has been with Chelsea for five years . . . Dave Mackay, manager of second division side Swindon Town, is keen to sign Charlton Athletic's leading goalscorer Ray Treacy . . . Birmingham City will be without Malcolm Page as they attempt to find their feet in the first division next season. He has been suspended for a total of three weeks by an FA Disciplinary Commission . . . Huddersfield Town have had offers from Leicester City for their clever centre-forward, Frank Worthington . . ... Malcolm Macdonald, usually so deadly a striker in the English first division did not impress many people in his debut for England . . . . Kevin Keegan, of Liverpool, was sent off in the England Under-23 match against East Germany recently in Magdeburg. In the fifty-ninth minute, the Russian referee ordered Keegan off, apparently for taking a retaliatory kick at German player Decker. Earlier in the game, Keegan scored a fine goal and Blockley added another, but a bad slip by Peter Shilton allowed the Germans to equalise through Heidler, while Sparwasser netted the other goal five minutes from the end to make it 2-2 . . . . Stoke City, who fielded 10 reserves against Notts Forest five days before their FA Cup semi-final round match against Arsenal last April, will have no action taken against them because the Stoke club doctor had provided a certificate stating that all the players who missed the match were unfit . . . . One of Britain's top referees, Norman Burtenshaw was attacked after making an unpopular penalty decision during a game in South Africa a few weeks ago. Mr Burtenshaw and his linesmen made three attempts to leave the field before finally being escorted off by police. He is in South Africa to coach South African referees on the laws of the game . . . Manny Cussins, newly-appointed chairman of Leeds United, has a announced all-round admission increases at Elland Road next season in an effort to keep out of the red. Fine reward this is to the thousands of Leeds supporters who spent so much money on following their heroes around the country and to Wembley cheering them to glory. Why not knock a bit off those fat wage packets picked up by the players every week . . . .? Current holders of the Anglo-Italian Tournament Cup, Blackpool started their defence of the trophy most satisfactorily by slamming four goals past Sampdoria in Italy . . . . In Miami USA, Arsenal beat Miami Gators but only by the one goal in a match that finished 3-2. . . . Lastly, Francis Burns, 23, Scottish full-back and veteran of so many games for Manchester United has been signed by Southampton for $100,000.

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HAT TRICKS

Scott Dennon (12), of Robinson Ave, Cloverdale, W.A. scored a DOUBLE hat trick for Ascot Under-12s when they beat Midland 7-1 on April 30.

Melvyn Soemya (14), of Venn St, North Perth, W.A., for South Perth United Under-15s when they drew 4-4 with Melville on April 30.

Kevin Langsdale (10), of Peninsula Rd, Maylands, W.A., for Bayswater United Under-10s when they beat Swan Athletic 8-1 on April 23.

Colin Brown (9), of Addison St, Elwood, Vic, for Melbourne when they drew 3-3 with Seaford B on April 23.

Val Garma (15), of Tandarra Crescent, Lalor, Vic., for Greensborough when they beat Mitchum 12-0 on March 22.

Howard Smith (15), of Smith St, Tomastown, Vic., for Greensborough when they beat Mitchum 12-0 on March 22.

Val Garma (15), of Tandarra Crescent, Lalor, Vic., for Greensborough when they beat Rosanna 5-3 on April 4.

Mel Soemya (14), of Venn St, North Perth, W.A., for South Perth United, when they beat Westfield 25-0 on May 7.

Noel Hunneybun (14), of Moswell St, Balga, W.A. scored a TRIPLE hat trick for South Perth United when they beat Westfield 25-0 on May 7.

Mark Lynch (14), of Challenger Ave, Manning, W.A., for South Perth United when they beat Westfield 25-0 on May 7.

Gary Harber (15), of Sussex St, East Victoria Park, W.A., for South Perth United when they beat Westfield 25-0 on May 7.

Les Aquino (14), of Fitzgerald St, North Perth, W.A. for South Perth United when they beat Westfield 25-0 on May 7.

Brian Dawson (16), of Parry Street, East Perth, W.A., for South Perth United when they beat Wundowie 4-0 on May 7.

Darrell Haggarty (10), of Rangeview Way, Thornlie, W.A., for Gosnells when they beat Mandurah 8-1 on April 16.

Adrian Zupp (13), of Harris St, Guildford, N.S.W., for Holroyd Rangers when they beat Castle Hill 9-0 on April 15.

Don Bell (12), of Lucich St, Kelmscott, W.A., for Kelmscott when they beat Melville 4-1 on April 30.

Craig Haven (10), of Treave St, Cloverdale, W.A., for Belmont-Cloverdale when they beat Kalamunda 10-0 on April 16.

Edwin Bradley (17), of Langham Gardens, Wilson, W.A., for Queens Park when they beat Alemannia Melville 3-2 on April 15.

Rodney Cryer (14), of Matthes St, Guildford, N.S.W., for Smithfield Hotspurs "A" when they beat Hoxton Park "A" 7-2 on April 23.

Trevor Pearson (10), of High Rd, Riverton, W.A., for Gosnells when they beat South Perth United 4-0 on May 7.

David Caudwell (11), of Langley St, Rockingham, W.A., for Rockingham United when they beat Westfield Park 5-0 on April 30.Peter de Ruyter (12), of Canning Rd, Walliston, W.A., for Windmills when they beat Maccabi 6-0 on May 7.

Steve Graham (12) of Lincoln Rd, Morley, W.A., for Windmills when they beat Maccabi 6-0 on May 7.

Steve Graham (12), of Lincoln Rd, Morley, W.A. for Windmills when they beat Balga 5-1.

Mark Scibilia (10), of Peninsula Rd, Maylands W.A., for Bayswater United when they beat Caledonians 11-0 on May 14.

Peter Denehee (13), of Weemalah St, Chester Hill, N.S.W., for St. Johns Sefton when they beat Bankstown 7-0 on May 13.

Scott Winter (13), of Weemalah St, Chester Hill, N.S.W., for St. Johns Sefton when they beat Bankstown 7-0 on May 13.

Glen Sutton (10), of Lockleys, S.A., for Lockleys North when they beat Fulham 7-1 on May 6.

Julian Komenza, of Bridge Rd, Para Hills S.A., for Para Hills West Under-14s when they beat Sals. East B 13-0 on April 23.

Danny McCann, of Balkara Rd, Para Hills West, S.A., for Para Hills West Under-14s when they beat Brahma Lodge 10-0 on April 30.

Danny McCann, of Balkara Rd, Para Hills West, S.A., for Para Hills West Under-14s when they beat Fairview Park 6-1 on May 7.

Julian Komenza, of Bridge Rd, Para Hills, S.A., for Para Hills West Under-14s when they beat Parafield Gardens 19-0 on May 14, scored a DOUBLE hat trick.

Steven Hanson, of Bridge Rd, Para Hills, S.A., for Para Hills West Under 14s when they beat Parafield Gardens 19-0 on May 14.

Danny McCann, of Balkara Rd, Para Hills West, S.A., scored a DOUBLE hat trick for Para Hills West Under-14s when they beat Parafield Gardens 19-0 on May 14.

Adrian Beardall (14), of Abernethy Rd, Belmont, W.A., for Belmont-Cloverdale when they beat Kwinana B 6-0 on May 14.

Aldo Orso (17), of Grosvenor Rd, North Perth, W.A., for Bayswater United when they beat Subiaco 7-0 on May 14.

Terry Jones (13), of Boatwright Ave, Lugarno, N.S.W., for Lugarno-Peakhurst when they beat Carss Park 4-0 on May 6.

John O'Connell (9), of Ormsby Ave, Parafield Gardens, S.A., for Polonia A Under-10s when they beat Polonia B 6-1 on May 14.

David Clarke (8), of Box Rd, Sylvania, N.S.W., for Miranda Magpies when they beat Lilli-Pilli 5-0 on May 13.

M. Voorn (11), of Winchelsea St, Nollamara, W.A., for Stirling City Under-11s when they beat Caledonians 13-0 on April 30.

R. Voorn (10), of Winchelsea St, Nollamara, W.A., for Stirling City Under-11s when they beat Caledonians 13-0 on April 30.

K. Southwick (10), of Bower St, Doubleview, W.A., for Stirling City Under 11s when they beat Caledonians 13-0 on April 30.

K. Warner (15), of Edgefield Way, North Beach, W.A., for Stirling City Under-16s when they beat Sorrento 6-5 on April 30.

M. Titmus (10), of Croxton Way, Balcatta, W.A., for Stirling City Under-11s when they beat Windmills 12-0 on May 7.

D. Hutchinson (11), of Birdwood St, Innaloo, W.A., for Stirling City Under 11s when they beat Windmills 12-0 on May 7.

Brian Keenan (9), of Warragamba Court, Noble Park, Vic., for Melbourne-Hungaria when they beat Lions 16-0 on May 21.

J. McCrae (12), of Liberty Grove, Woodville Gardens, S.A., for Polonia Adelaide when they beat Port Adelaide B 17-0 on May 7.

K. Turner (17), of Bradley Ave., Parafield Gardens, S.A. for Polonia Adelaide when they beat Lion 7-2 on April 29.

D. Chadwick (13), of Adelaide, S.A., for Polonia Adelaide when they beat Polonia B 11-1 on April 23.

M. Talladira (13), of Adelaide, S.A., for Polonia Adelaide when they beat Croatia 9-1 on May 7.

R. Ammirato (13), of Adelaide, S.A., for Polonia Adelaide when they beat Polonia B 11-1 on April 23.

John Phillips (12), of Waterloo St., Tuart Hill, W.A., for Tuart Hill when they beat Balga 5-0 on April 30.

Robin Eldridge (7), of Mountain View Ave., Kelmscott, W.A., for Kelmscott when they beat Westfield 10-0 on April 16.

Andrew Hernandez (11), of Dulwich St., Beckenham, W.A., for Gosnells when they beat Queens Park 6-0 on May 21.

Phillip Chadwick (15), of Annette St., Athol Park, S.A., for Polonia Adelaide Under-16s when they beat Largs 8-0 on May 21.

Brian Bondi (10), of Millendon, W.A., for Swan Athletic when they beat Caledonians 7-0 on April 16.

Bradley Heford (12), of Sodbury Way, City Beach, W.A., for Stirling City Under-12s when they beat Subiaco City 4-0 on May 28.

Evan Gustavino (12) of Bywood Way, Lynwood, W.A., for Lynwood Juniors when they beat Rockingham 5-4 on April 28.

Chris Berry (10), of Carrar Rd., Rowville, Vic, for Doveton Under-11s when they beat Seaford B 6-0 on April 23.

Mark Nuttall (4), of Roberts Rd, Greenacre, N.S.W., for Greenacre when they beat Bass Hill 6-0 on April 28.

Peter Saunders (21), of King Edward St., Osborne Park, W.A., for W.T. Nova when they beat South Perth United 5-3 on May 21.

Bradley Hereford (12), of Sudbury Way, City Beach, W.A., for Stirling City when they beat Subiaco 4-0 on May 27.

Peter Wright (14), of Kexby St. Balcatta, W.A., for Stirling City Under-14s when they beat Ascot 5-1 on May 14.

Gary Purcell (9), of The Arcade, Doubleview, W.A., for Stirling City Under-10s when they beat Maccabi 4-0 on May 14.

Trevor Hansom (14), of Clark Place, Orelia, W.A., for Cockburn United when the beat Lynwood 5-0 on May 21.

Colin Webb (14), of Aruma Flats, Beaconsfield, W.A., for Cockburn United when they beat Corinthians 16-1 on May 7.

Tino Rizza (14), of Yaralla Flats, Coolbellup, W.A., for Cockburn United when they beat Corinthains 16-1 on May 7.

Trevor Hansom (14), of Clark Place, Orelia, W.A. for Cockburn United when they beat Corinthians 16-1 on May 7.

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Alan McKinley (14), of Cordelia Ave., Coolbellup, for Cockburn United when they beat Corinthians 16-1 on May 7.

Ron McKinley (10), of Cordelia Ave, Boolbellup, W.A., for Cockburn United when they beat Mandurah 4-0 on June 4.

Keith Walker (13), of Bader Way, Balcatta, W.A. for Stirling City when they beat Olympic 5-1 on June 4.

Brad Hereford (12), of Sudbury Way, City Beach, W.A. for Stirling City when they beat Espanol 3-1 on June 4.

Chris Gooch (14), of Lynwood Court, Lynwood, W.A. for Lynwood when they beat Corinthians 6-0 on June 4.

C. Clark (11), of Waterloo Rd., Lesmurdie, W.A. for Kalamunda Under-12s when they beat Graylands 5-2 on April 23.

Neil Baverstock (12), of Streich Ave., Kelmscott, W.A. for Kelmscott when they beat Westfield 12-0 on May 7.

Philip Matinz (15), of Hubert St., East Victoria Park, W.A., for South Perth when they beat Finharps 13-1 on April 16.

James Black (15), of Golding St., West Perth, W.A., for South Perth when they beat Finharps 13-1 on April 16.

Tony Hirjee (15), of Girton Place, Bentley, W.A., for South Perth when they beat Queens Park 12-1 on May 28.

Greg Lynch (12), of Yanco Rd., West Pymble, N.S.W., for Kuringai Under-12s when they beat South Sydney 7-0 on May 28.

Chris Townson (11), of Alexander Rd., Belmont, W.A., for Ascot Under-12s when they beat Swan Valley 13-1 on May 21.

M. Inkster (15), of Keymer St, Belmont, W.A., for Belmont-Cloverdale when they beat Rockingham 5-1 on June 4.

Michael Peters (9), of Bamlett St, Kelmscott, W.A., for Kelmscott when they beat Corinthians 8-0 on June 4.

Tony Hirjee (15), of Girton Place, Bentley, W.A., for South Perth United when they beat Stirling City 11-0 on June 4.

Tony Hirjee (15), of Girton Place, Bentley, W.A., for South Perth United when they beat Pinjarra 8-1 on April 30.

Ian Thompson (11), of Probert Rd, Thornlie, W.A., scored a DOUBLE hat trick for Gosnells when they beat Scotch College 14-0 on June 4.

A. Pollock (13), of Berniee Way, Thornlie, W.A., for Gosnells when they were beaten 4-5 by Lynwood on April 9.

Frederick Belo (12), of Perth, W.A. for Bayswater United Under-12s when they beat Balga 10-0 on May 21.

Glen Frey (12), of Snell St, Maylands, W.A., for Bayswater United Under-12s when they bat Swna Valley 12-0 on April 9.

Simon Goodridge (12), of Groves Ave., Alfred Cove, W.A. for Cockburn United Under-12s when they beat Mandurah 3-1 on June 4.

Mark Trehern (11), of Twelfth Ave., Armadale, W.A., for Kelmscott when they beat Corinthians 7-0 on June 4.

Mark Seckold (14), of Calero St., Lithgow, N.S.W., for P.B.C. Nomads on May 20.

Martin Wood (13), of Hillary Cres, Modbury North, S.A., for Para Vista when they beat Brahma Lodge 9-0 on May 20.

Kevin Langsdale (10), of Peninsula Rd, Maylands, W.A., for Bayswater United when they beat Caledonians 7-0 on June 4.

Donald Bell (13), of Lucich St, Kelmscott, W.A., for Kelmscott when they beat Sorrento 4-1 on June 4.

Philip Evans (14), of Sharman St, Medina, W.A., for Kwinana United when they beat Stirling City 7-3 on June 11.

Brad Hereford (11), of Sudbury Way, City Beach, W.A. for Stirling City when they beat Espanol 3-0 on June 4.

Keith Walker (13), of Bader Way, Balcatta, W.A., for Stirling City when they beat Olympic 5-1 on June 4.

John Purcell (16), of The Arcade, Doubleview, W.A., for Stirling City when they beat Melville 9-0 on June 4.

Carlo Birighetti (10), of Traylen Rd, Bayswater, W.A., for Bayswater United when they beat Ashfield 3-0 on May 7.

Kevin Langsdale (10), of Peninsula Rd, Maylands, W.A., for Bayswater United when they beat Swan Valley 6-0 on June 11.

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PENALTY SAVES

J. Bruynstein (7), of Inglewood , W.A., for Kiev Under-8s when they were beaten 0-2 by Balga.

Alan Thompson (13), of Probert Rd, Thornlie, W.A., for Gosnells when they were beaten 0-1 by Belmont-Cloverdale.

David McKinley (16), of Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup, W.A., for Cockburn United when they were beaten 1-5 by Morley on May 14.

Peter Gravestock (11), of Beaver St, Tuart Hill, W.A., for Tuart Hill when they beat Morley 1-0 on June 5.

David McKinley (16), of Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup, W.A., for Cockburn United when they beat Melville 5-3 on April 23.

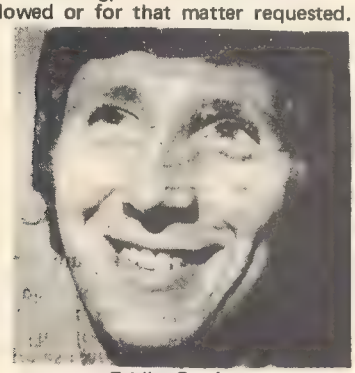
Mark Tugwell (11), of Goode Street, Mt.Lawley, W.A. for Graylands when the beat Subiaco 4-0 on June 11.

INSIDE BRISBANE

by Insideman

THE STATE TEAM

All is not well in the State team camp. After another disastrous show against Dundee, losing 0-9 in front of a packed (10,000) Perry Park, coach Pagan retained the same squad for the match against the might of Wolves, stating that he was quite satisfied with the showing. He gave the boys a week off training then, after two training sessions, axed Eddie Carrigan the Bardon midfield ace, and Gary Clifford, the strong Azzurri centre half, saying "their attitude to training was wrong." Three other players were fined and, at the time of writing, the clubs whose players are involved have asked for a hearing, as no excuses were allowed or for that matter requested.



Eddie Carrigan

Gary Clifford

What makes the situation more ironic is that Carrigan was voted Queensland man of the match by Sir Arthur George, and most critics agreed that Clifford was by far the best Queensland defender. One can only hope that out of all these tribulations comes hope, for it is now being openly requested at Council, that the Federation must take steps to stop this degradation of the senior game in Brisbane. With all the antagonism towards players one is reminded of the old adage "You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make it drink."

Everyone should know by now it has to be thirsty.

CLUB NOTES

Azzurri's problem boy, young Charlie Dench, is still on the sidelines after being put on transfer by the club for $2,500. One wonders at this fee,

Charlie Dench

a Brisbane record, for a 20-year-old who emigrated to Australia last year. Although Dench has a lot of potential, many think he is slow and cumbersome, and when compared with Ray Richards (Marconi) and Ross Keely (Wests), both Australian reps. when in Brisbane, he is a long way short on proven talent — and they cost $1,800 when they moved clubs in Brisbane. He has yet to play a full game for the State and so far this season has scored six goals in eight games for his club not world shattering figures for a striker. Clubs appear to be frightened of the fee because only one offer is reported, although Dench's fiery reputation at Azzurri could be adding to the scare. Charlie has appealed against the fee, but has had to wait two weeks for a hearing. The fans await with baited breath for although star he may not be, personality he is with a capital P.

DUNDEE'S VISIT

Dundee has come and gone and as professionals left an impression. Jocky Scott showed all the skills and his, and his side's first goal showed why he has been capped for his country. His positional sense, change of pace and hitting power came out as he fastened on to a fast low Lambie cross and, on the volley, smashed an unsaveable shot past the hapless 'keeper from 20 yards. The Federation and first division clubs who staged the show deserve a lot of credit. Their decision to use Perry Park was a masterpiece. The record crowd packed into the small capacity ground gave the place an atmosphere it sadly lacks every weekend. Dundee rose to the atmosphere. They allowed kids in for free and the hundreds of juniors who attended were given a display which will give them the targets to aim for at practice. Unfortunately, the thousands had gone by the following weekend and in their place were the couple of hundred die-hards. What would have happened had the score been 2-1, 1-0, even 2-2, can only be pure conjecture. Maybe someday we'll know the answer.

JUNIORS

Brisbane's junior soccer continued to flourish. Many of the registered 9,000 kids are now being coached by graduates from the local coaches' Federation classes. This is showing benefits and all the club and representative sides, which are venturing into N.S.W. are returning with excellent results. Before the Dundee match, an Under-15 side soundly beat a Sydney eleven and we are now expecting a visit from three of St.George's crack youth sides. Some local clubs are fostering Under-20 sides and it is to be hoped this bears fruit soon. Four coaches have opened up classes in the afternoon, where, for a small fee, youngsters can have a full course of skills taught them. This could be a forward step in the long term.

THE CUP

The Federation's ambitious and far-sighted statewide cup is on again and has reached the quarter final stage. The mighty Mt.Isa giant killers are the only country representatives left in the competition and are coming to the city to meet Hellenic, the present league leaders. For the form boys this is a beauty, Hellenic have only lost one match this season, to Azzurri, who thrashed them 3-0. Apart from this upset they have been playing hard, constructive soccer without ever reaching the sweet-flowing soccer heights of their nearest challengers Bardon Latrobe. They should prove to be a good cup side. Now to the catch. Mt.Isa bundled Azzurri out in the last round up at the Isa, but I feel they will have a fight on their hands at Perry Park. The miners record at Perry Park is not so good as their home record and I feel the country challenge will end leaving the Brisbane big guns to battle it out for the "bauble". The cup must change hands this year, as Azzurri won it last year in their "treble winning" bonanza.

PREMIERSHIP RUNDOWN

As reported before, Hellenic have had a great start to the season, in complete constrast to their start last year when they were in trouble for weeks. At the half way mark they have now clinched the Premier's Cup. Bardon are models of consistency, never having been out of the top four since the start of 1971 season, quite a run, 27 matches in the top four. Azzurri are holding their challenge, and have done so by buying back their "sell" of six weeks, ex international, Ian Johnston and Des Heath from Merton. Thistle are repeating last year's performance, though not as well, last year they collected the Premiers Cup. The other "top four" team from last year, Merton, has now begun to collect points and it is felt that once again Brisbane could have a status quo situation when the finals come round. Hellenic, Bardon, Azzurri, and Merton have contested these positions for the last two seasons.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hellenic	9	7	1	1	27	14	15
Bardon	9	6	—	3	22	11	12
Azzurri	9	6	—	3	20	15	12
Thistle	9	5	1	3	23	10	11
Hollandia	9	4	2	3	21	17	10
Merton	9	2	4	3	14	16	8
Polonia	9	1	4	4	7	12	6
St. Helens	9	2	2	5	17	36	6
Oxley	9	2	1	6	14	24	5
Coalstars	9	1	3	5	12	22	5

sydney sidelines

by Glyn Griffiths

It is normal for club officials to express dissatisfaction with their coach when the team is at the foot of the competition table. It is something new, however, for a club to make a coaching change when the team is sitting on top of the table.

Sydney's Hakoah Eastern Suburbs shocked the local soccer scene by announcing that the contract of coach Bobby Collins had been cancelled "by mutual agreement". The parting came at a time when Hakoah were playing well and promising to win the premiership for the third year in succession. So what went wrong?

There is no short answer. Collins, the greatest soccer brain ever to arrive in New South Wales from Britain, does not claim to be the best coach in the world. Without doubt, several Hakoah officials did not see eye to eye with Collins on such matters as team selection and substitutions during matches.

On the other hand, Bobby Collins faced quite unnecessary hazards in the Hakoah coaching job. For instance, he had the "benefit" of advice from a number of club officials. Although all had the best of intentions, they would have had better results from Collins had they left all matters connected with the team entirely in his hands. After all, when a professional man is appointed, why should non-professionals try to influence him?

Collins says he will return to England. I think he will do well in soccer in the more familiar atmosphere of the U.K. He will carry with him the best wishes of all who were fortunate enough to get to know him durng his stay in Australia.

But it is a sad reflection on the game here when such a man has to leave Australia — a nation crying out for the professional know-how of men like Bobby Collins.

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Troubled Western Suburbs recently had a crisis meeting of directors, at which team coach Tommy Dawson was invited to explain the terrible results of the team this year.

Although it had been freely predicted that heads would roll, the situation after the meeting showed little change. Dawson was told he would have complete control of team selection, which he has not always enjoyed in the past. It was also decided to transfer-list five or six players with first grade experience.

Later, two players, Dick Chambers and Walter Gerrard, were brought from Hong Kong in an attempt to strengthen the side — though these players are no better than some in Wests' reserve team already.

Western Suburbs seem unable to take any tricks this year. They have added Chambers, Gerrard, Keith Jones, Alan Ainslie, Nick McCallum and Alex Gray to their playing staff — at considerable expense — but of the six, only Gray looks good enough to hold down a first grade position.

Yet an international star like Jimmy Rooney, who was very anxious to join Wests, was snapped up by local rivals Apia Leichhardt because Wests offered him a paltry few hundred dollars less than Apia.

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The NSW Soccer Federation has been severely criticised for cancelling all first and second division premiership games on the Saturday and Sunday before Australia played Wolves on Monday, June 12, a public holiday.

There was no reason for the cancellations. In fact, soccer was the only code of football with no major fixtures on those two days. Followers of rugby league, rugby union and Australian rules must have thought soccer's administrators were crazy — but what else is new?

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Pan Hellenic defender George Barboutis was delighted to get a late call-up for Australia's squad, training in Melbourne, for the Wolverhampton games — and not just because he wants to play for Australia.

Barboutis, a knowledgeable punter, put $25 dollars on a daily double the day before the Melbourne match — and cleared a profit of $2,000. "It was worth coming to Melbourne just for that," commented a happy Barboutis.

The Australian Soccer Federation is under fire for not being more selective in its choice of motel accommodation for the national squad.

In Melbourne, where the Australians had four days in camp preparing for two matches against touring Wolves, the players were booked at a motel where a whole gaggle of teenage netball and hockey girls were staying.

Coach Rale Rasic complained that the girls gave his players little peace — in fact Rasic hardly slept for a couple of nights, so worried was he about the soccer squad getting sound sleep!

In future, it might be a good idea for the Australian squad to migrate to a country hide-out, away from all the problems of living in a big city.

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Marconi Fairfield coach Rale Rasic paid a handsome tribute to two rival clubs when he said: "St George and Hakoah are the outstanding teams in Sydney as far as playing strength goes."

Asked why he didn't put his own Marconi on a par with that pair, Rasic said: "We are still trying to establish ourselves — Marconi have the players, but it takes time to get a settled, winning blend."

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South Coast United coach Les Scheinflug must be a master of defensive strategy.

This year, he has consistently kept his under-strength team in a respectable position in the premiership table even though Coast's goalscoring tally would shame a relegation side. The shot-shy team scored 11 goals in its first 12 games, and it reflects great credit on Scheinflug's defensive tactics that South Coast is not among the relegation group.

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It is sad to see a great player producing indifferent performances match after match. But there is no doubt that Hakoah's Johnny Watkiss has slipped badly from his pedestal this season. In 1971, Watkiss was the most consistent player in Sydney. A giant in stature and ability, he was worthy winner of the Rothmans Gold Medal, and looked certain to play a big part in Australia's World Cup challenge. This year, popular Watkiss has frequently looked only a shadow of his real self. He has been dropped from the national squad and was even in danger of being left out by his club.

Australia, as much as Hakoah, will be hoping that Johnny Watkiss can recapture his lost form as speedily as possible.

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Ray Pocock, centre-forward of second division Canterbury, is anxious to join a first division team.

Trouble is, Canterbury are banking on Pocock to get them promotion to the top division. That's why they slapped a $10,000 transfer fee on his head.

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What does the future hold for Australia's former skipper Johnny Warren?

After 13 months out of the game with a badly injured knee, Warren made his comeback for St George against Apia and had a useful outing. However, there must still be doubts about his full recovery after the type of injury which has ended many footballers' careers.

As a coach, with a FIFA certificate, Warren would be an asset to any Sydney club. With typical modesty, he brushes aside such talk when he says: "That FIFA award is only a scrap of paper. I do not regard myself as a fully-fledged coach. All I want to do for the time being is to play soccer — because that is what I'm best at."

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For the past decade, Kim Chung Nam has been one of the finest players in South Korea — and the Koreans are no mugs at the game.

Surprisingly, Kim has not pulled up any trees since joining Sutherland Shire this year. In and out of Sutherland's first XI, Kim has had big problems adjusting his style to the rugged, British-type soccer so prevalent in Sydney. Even so, his obvious skills with the ball should have earned him a permanent place in a team anchored in bottom place on the ladder.

MUELLER DOES IT AGAIN

West Germany and Bayern Muenchen star striker Gerd Mueller cannot stop scoring goals. With two fixtures to be played in the Bundesliga, he has already set two records — his 40 goals at that stage had bettered his own record of 38 goals scored in a Bundesliga season. And that total assured him of winning the Golden Boots award as Europe's top goal-scorer for the second time.

Mueller's 40 were brought up with yet another hat-trick — this time against Eintract Frankfurt. A couple of week's earlier he had scored all four in Germany 4-1 win over Russia.

Heriberto Herrera has signed for teams in France, Spain, Holland, etc, etc. These rumours sweeping around Europe have finally been laid to rest with his reappointment with the Italian club Sampdoria, a team he joined at the start of the recently completed season.

The Paraguayan manager, who is no relation to the famous Helenio of A.S. Roma is in his tenth year in Italy.

He won two titles, the league and cup while directing Juventus for five years before moving to Inter-Milan, a short lived engagement — he was fired during the players-manager fight of 1969-70.

Heriberto's first job was to talk the ageing Luis Suarez to stay with the club (Sampdoria) to help in the rebuilding of the club. It probably will be only for one season as the plans of rejuvenation evolve.

Suarez, who at 38, was recalled to the Spanish national side for the international against Greece agreed with the idea of the blending of youth with his experience as he did with the Spanish side.

When Celtic slammed luckless Hibernians for six in the Scottish Cup final, it was the biggest final score since 1888, when Renton beat Cambuslang.

Dixie Deans' hat trick was the first in a cup final for 68 years. The last man to do it was Celtic's Jimmy Quinn against Rangers in Celtic's 3-2 win.

This high-scoring final was a farewell occasion for right-back Jim Craig, who won a European Cup medal in 1967 when Inter went down to the Green and Whites 2-1.

Craig, 29 years old, is migrating to South Africa for business reasons and will be playing part time for Hellenic.

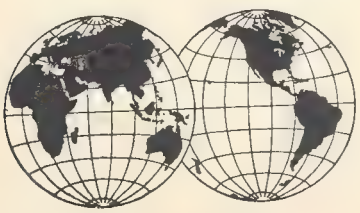
No attempt was made by Celtic manager Jock Stein to convince his cultured defender to change his mind, even though he is regarded at Parkhead as one of the best full-backs the club has had. The parting of the ways was friendly, and while it is Scotlands loss it is another top-class feather in South Africa's cap.

Wonder why Australia can't get onto these players, rather than accept the mediocre players who arrive in Australia's ports.

Goalkeeper Jose Pesudo, signed by Real Madrid from Valencia and then rejected the next day because the club's doctors found a shoulder injury, a slight deformity. This seems a strange rejection of a man, who had played for Valencia, Barcelona and several internationals for Spain.

Pesudo retired demoralised last year, but he was brought back from the shadows when manager Ferenc Szusza (Hungarian), desperate for a 'keeper to help save his struggling Betis from relegation, enticed him back into the game.

Pesudo first asked for seven days training with Betis before either made their final decisions. Szusza was convinced and his intuition paid handsome dividends as brilliant 'keeping revitalised Betis and saved them from relegation.



Two Real Madrid stars could be out of the team next year. They are 33-year-old Amancio, a player Real paid Coruna $130,000 plus four players for in 1962, and 33-year-old Zoco, who took over the captaincy of the club from Gento this season. He has been eleven years with Real and hardly missed a match. He is a brilliant half-back who played 26 internationals and possibly Real's best buy ever, when they paid Osasuna only $40,000 for his services in 1961.

Both players are likely to stay with the club in some capacity, a normal procedure of Real's with their old faithfuls.

HOLLAND

Ajax of Amsterdam completed a unique trebel this season, winning the European Cup, the Dutch F.A. Cup and the Dutch championship. In the European Cup they beat Inter-Milan 2-0 and in the F.A. they beat FC Den Haag 3-2. This is how the championship finished:

	goals	points
Ajax Amsterdam	104.20	63
Feyenoord	23:24	55
FC Twente	50:13	48
Sparta Rotterdam	73:38	46
FC Den Haag	59:33	44
FC Utrecht	56:42	40
Nimwegen	43:43	38
Eindhoven	47:32	36
Go Ahead	48:49	34
Maastricht	36:47	30
Telstar Velsen	39:52	29
Groningen	37:55	28
NAC Breda	39:58	27
DWS Amsterdam	28:54	20
Excelsior	18:53	20
Den Bosch	24:70	20
Vollendam	16:55	17
Arnhem	22:74	17

ITALY

Juventus of Turin won the Italian championship with 43, from AC Milan and AC Turin, both on 42. The final table is:

Juventus	48:24	43
AC Milan	36:17	42
AC Turin	39.25	42
Cagliari	39:23	39
Inter-Milan	49:28	36
Fiorentina	28:20	36
AS Roma	37:31	35
Napoli	27:31	28
Sampdoria	23:28	28
Atlanta	21:26	26
FC Bologna	28:36	25
Vincenza	30:43	23
Verona	21:36	22
Mantua	23:39	21
Catanzaro	17:34	21
Varese	17:42	13

AUSTRIA

Rapid Wien won the two-legged Austraian Cup 3-1 after extra time against Wiener SK. Rapid lost the first leg 1-2.

POLAND

Gornil Zabrze won the Polish Cup by beating Legia Warsaw 5-2.

PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Cup was won by Benfica after beating Sporting Lisbon 3-2 after extra time.

Geoff Barnett, the Arsenal goalkeeper, dives in vain as the header by Leeds United Allan Clarke (unseen), enters the net to give Leeds a 1-0 victory over Arsenal in the F.A. final at Wembley Stadium. At right is Billy Bremner, Leeds United captain, and at left Arsenal captain, Frank McLintock. — AAP Photo.

When Italy lost to Belgium in the European Nations' Cup, it was interesting to hear their team manager Ferruccio Valcareggi reply to the critics who were screaming for his scalp.

"Belgium were the better side," he said, "and no individual player in our team was at fault. If anyone is to blame, then it is me". He was obviously a man who faced the reality of loss in the world of soccer and who realises that his neck is probably about to get the axe.

The press naturally want Valcareggi's resignation or have him sacked. It would appear that Italian F.A. president Senor Franchi also wants him out saying: "Italy must rebuild completely with many more young players and if Valcareggi resists such changes he would have no choice but to resign".

The match itself was a brutal bruising affair with fist fights, foul tackles of a criminal nature being perpetrated by both sides, while the referee did nothing to curb the assaults. The biggest blow of all hit the Belgians and may affect their future progress in the competition when their outstanding player Wilfred Van Moer was tackled ferociously by Bertini and received a broken leg. It was deliberate and calculated by Bertini, but Van Moer had already done his share of damage scoring one of the goals in the 23rd minute. Bertini didn't come out for the second-half suggesting that he may well have been disciplined by Valcareggi.

A suggestion for a takeover of disciplinary matters by the English Football league from the Football Association, is just one of the points in the petty argument raging between the two bodies in England at present.

Following the much publicised referees crackdown, there apparently was little support from the F.A. when it finally got down to tin tacks and players gradually realised that it was an action without teeth to back it up.

What is becoming known as the "Hardaker points system" has been put forward as a way of giving referees teeth in their decisions. The league's plan is that a player cautioned would be given black marks from 1 to 4, depending on the nature of the offence. If a player is sent off the suspension is for three games. There would be no appeal, no expensive disciplinary meetings, with referee giving up their free time or getting leave from their civilian jobs.

The suspension simply forbids the player to appear for his club, but there wouldn't be any monetary punishment so that it wouldn't run against the industrial relations bill that operates in Britain.

The entire procedure would be under the control of the Football League, who would look after the book-keeping, informing the clubs of the referees report with the number of points against the player. At the end of each season, the slate would be wiped clean, a new start being made for the next year.

This idea would supposedly cut out all the hypocrisy, appeals and the calling of witnesses to confuse the issues and inconsistent punishments that are meted out.

In England a new malady has been brought to light by trainers and doctors, particularly the doctor — a surgeon from Tottenham Hotspur. It is strain in the pelvic girdle through overwork and exhaustion. In fact the Spurs doctor has predicted that if the English players commitments keep increasing, players may be a finished product in the future when he is 27.

Two star players among many others in Arsenals Bob McNab and Spurs Alan Mullery were both stricken and missed most of the season because of the strain.

In England and many South American countries, the number of games has got out of hand with many playing 60-70 games a year, plus tours overseas.

This new medical phenomenon, though many contend it has been with us for some time but unrecognised, helps to strengthen the anti-European competition critics, who naturally have jumped on this particular bandwagon. It also is used by those seeking to reduce the present divisional competition from 22 clubs to 18.

However, Derek Dougan, chairman of the Professional Footballers Association and centre-forward for Wolverhampton Wanderers, says it is the training that is doing the damage, as much as the matches.

There is no doubt that players are being called upon for greater physical involvement in their game through more matches. However, this malady is obviously confined to those clubs lucky enough to reach the European competitions and later stages of the F.A. and League cups.

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The agony of being beaten is shown clearly on the face of England 'keeper Gordon Banks after Netzer's penalty shot had hit the net.

GERMANY, WORLD'S TOP TEAM?

Currently the world's top team and a clear favourite to win the World Cup in 1974 — this is the West Germany team's rating in the opinions of England's team coach, Sir Alf Ramsey, and the UEFA president, Gustav Wiederkehr, of Switzerland.

Experts say that, unlike other international competitors, such as England or Italy, the German team, with its defence and mid-field technicians Franz Beckenbauer and Guenter Netzer, has made great strides forward since the last world championships.

The German 3-1 victory over England in the first leg of the European championship quarter-final, and the 0-0 in the return match, demonstrated that the team is playing at present as technically perfect as the Brazilians — 90 minutes in top gear, with a squad of first-class footballers brilliantly commanding offensive play from a flexible defence.

The Germans again showed this skill when they thrashed the Russian national team to mark the opening of the Olympic Stadium in Munich. Ace striker Gerd Mueller scored all four in Germany's 4-1 win.

ENGLAND'S HOME GAMES

West Germany's win over England in London is only England's fifth away loss to non-British teams since regular matches have been played in the past 50 years.

The undefeated record stood for 26 years, till Eire beat them 2-0 in 1949. Then Hungary, the Magic Magyars, beat England 6-3 in 1953; Sweden 3-2 in 1959; Austria 3-2 in 1965; and West Germany 3-1 in 1972.

The following list does not include internationals against Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

1923	Belgium	6-1
1924	Belgium	*4-0
1931	Spain	7-1
1932	Austria	4-3
1933	France	4-1
1934	Italy	3-2
1935	Germany	3-0
1936	Hungary	6-2
1937	Czechoslovakia	5-4
1938	Rest of Europe	3-0
1938	Norway	*4-0
1946	Holland	*8-2
1947	France	3-0
1947	Sweden	4-2
1948	Switzerland	6-0
1949	Eire	0-2
1949	Italy	2-0
1950	Yugoslavia	2-2
1951	Argentina	2-1
1951	Portugal	*5-2
1951	France	2-2
1951	Austria	2-2
1952	Belgium	5-0
1953	Rest of World	4-4
1953	Hungary	3-6
1954	West Germany	3-1
1955	Spain	5-1
1956	Brazil	4-2
1956	Yugoslavia	3-0
1956	Denmark	*5-2
1957	Rest of Eire	5-1
1957	France	4-0
1958	Portugal	2-1
1958	Russia	5-0
1959	Italy	2-2
1959	Sweden	2-3
1960	Yugoslavia	3-3
1960	Spain	4-2
1961	Mexico	8-0
1961	Luxemburg	4-1
1961	Portugal	2-0
1962	Austria	3-1
1962	Switzerland	3-1
1962	France	*1-1
1963	Brazil	1-1
1963	Rest of World	2-1
1964	Uruguay	2-1
1964	Belgium	2-2
1965	Hungary	1-0
1965	Austria	2-3
1966	Poland	*1-1
1966	West Germany	1-0
1966	Yugoslavia	2-0
1966	Uruguay	0-0
1966	Mexico	2-0
1966	France	2-0
1966	Argentina	1-0
1966	Portugal	2-1
1966	West Germany	4-2
1966	Czechoslovakia	0-0
1967	Spain	2-0
1967	Russia	2-2
1968	Spain	1-0
1968	Sweden	3-1
1968	Bulgaria	1-1
1969	Rumania	1-1
1969	France	5-0
1969	Portugal	1-0
1970	Holland	0-0
1970	East Germany	3-1
1971	Greece	3-0
1971	Malta	5-0
1971	Switzerland	1-1
1972	West Germany	1-3

Summary: 74 matches, 52 wins, 17 draws, 5 loses.
*Matches played outside London.

WEST GERMANY VERSUS ENGLAND

West Germany had to wait 60 years to record their first win over England. That was in Hanover in 1968, but Germany haven't lost against England since then.

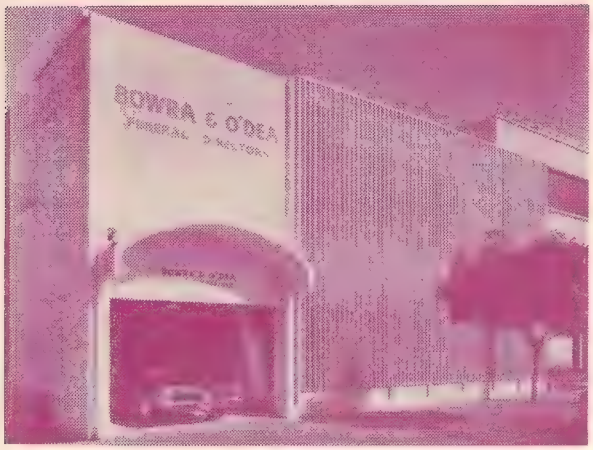
The next encounter was in the World Cup in Leon in 1970 and Germany won 3-2 after extra time.

This is Germany's record against England.

1908	at Berlin	1-5
1909	at Oxford	0-9
1911	at Berlin	2-2
1913	at Berlin	0-3
1930	at Berlin	3-3
1935	at London	0-3
1938	at Berlin	3-6
1954	at London	1-3
1956	at Berlin	1-3
1965	at Nurnberg	0-1
1966	at London	0-1
1966	at London	*2-4
1968	at Hanover	1-0
1970	at Leon	*3-2
1972	at London	3-1
1972	at Berlin	0-0

* World Cup matches

Summary: England won 10, Germany 3, Drawn 3; Goals: England 46; Germany 20. Post-war: England won 5, Germany 3; Drawn 1; Gaols: England 15: Germany 11.



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English football is recognised as one of the best in the world, even if it is sometimes called unimaginative.

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For all their power and ability, English soccer has never done well away from home in the bigger competitions such as the World Cup, European Nations' Cup, World Club Championships and European Cup.

At home it is a well known fact that England is just about invincible, despite the great West German win recently. At club level the same applies.

In the European Cup, Ajax of Amsterdam registered only the second loss on an English club side in England when they defeated Arsenal 1-0 at Highbury. The first such win came from CF Barcelona in the quarter-finals in the 1959-60 tournament when they defeated Wolverhampton Wanderers 5-2 at Molineux.

That is a fantastic record in 16 years of the competition. It can be argued that Celtic's 1-0 over Leeds in Leeds was the third success of a foreign side, but would you call them foreigners? Maybe to some. Nine teams have managed draws, and the full record is: P 51, W 39, D 3, L 3, F 154, A 37.

A fine record, but when you look at the other side of the coin, England can point to only one club who has made it all the way — Manchester United who beat Benfica 4-1 after extra time — in Wembley.

The power of Manchester United is not necessarily on the scoreline. They are the drawcard champions of England. Even when they are struggling, crowds flock to see George Best, Dennis Law, Bobby Charlton, etc.

The best comparison is with neighbours Manchester City, who, despite tremendous success this year and in previous years, cannot come anywhere near the attraction power of United. Here are the average home gates for both clubs, while United sat in the shadows of City who were annexing the Cup Winners Cup of Europe (1970). The league cup (1970), F.A. Cup (1969), champions (1968): United 51,121, 50,005 and 44,754. City: 34,525, 33,930 and 30,978 per game. Last season, the average for United was still running at 10,000 per game more, while City were running hot for the championship again.

WORLD TALK WORLD TALK

Marcel Domingo will manage Malaga next season and he will get $30,000 signing-on fee, plus $600 a month salary, double bonuses plus $15,000 extra if they qualify for Europe.

Skipper Billy Bremner is chaired by his team-mates (from left) Mick Yates, Paul Madeley, Eddie Gray, Paul Reavey, Ronnie Giles, Allan Clarke, Jack Charlton (kneeling), Billy Bremner (with cup), Peter Lorimer, Norman Hunter and Dave Harvey after Leeds had beaten Arsenal 1-0 in the F.A. Cup final.

READER COMMENT

NATIONAL NAMES

SIRS: Your excellent editorial in the May issue concerning the problem of district and nationalistic names in W.A. should be read and digested by all Australian soccer administrators. I suppose it is too much to hope that they would agree with the common-sense views in that article.

In almost every State, there is a constant problem of the code's failure to grow and the challenge by both Australian rules and rugby league for public support.

In NSW, most soccer fans who refuse to watch the federation teams, give as their reason . . . "those foreign names." These people love the game: many are deeply involved in it at junior level, supporting their district teams in various age groups. They wouldn't miss British soccer on television. But rarely are they seen at local semi-professional games. Why should a Sydney man cheer for a team called Croatia? Or Hakoah? Or Marconi?

It is a long, hard battle getting the NSW Federation to eliminate nationalistic names, but, make no mistake, that battle will be won some time in the future.

Your editorial, "A Step in the Right Direction", indicates that W.A., like NSW, is, at last, alive to the problem. And this is encouraging.

Soccer will move forward in this great nation when it starts appealing to Australians. The sooner the better. Yours sincerely, David Jack, Evans Street, Harbord, N.S.W.

SUTHERLAND'S CASE

SIRS: I fear that Mr Johnson (Reader Comments June) and Mr Griffiths (Sydney Sidelines June) are approaching the question of the Sutherland, Sydney, side from the wrong angle.

To avoid any future comment that I am perhaps a biased supporter of another team let me hasten to point out that I am a Sutherland supporter, that my son is a player in one of the junior teams attached to Miranda Magpies S.C. where Sutherland's home ground is situated and that I have the good of Australian soccer in mind when making my comment.

Mr Griffiths states "It would be a tragedy if they were relegated", whereas Mr Johnson suggests that they "should be given several seasons free of relegation worries." It certainly will be a tragedy if Sutherland are relegated but they will only be so if they cannot measure up to the standard of play required of them in first division. To ensure that a club is retained in a division for a term of a few years just to ensure that they can get experience and to maintain the crowd number is surely defeating the object of the competition. The point will be reached where, similar to rugby league, the same teams compete each year and it matters not how mediocre the performance or how low the home team's support drops the teams are assured of a place in the following year's competition.

If one follows the fortunes of the English teams and the "two-up, two-down" system, one will see that the difference between the two teams promoted and the two relegated is slight. Once relegated a team might make it back the next year or have to wait for a year or two but the total effect is to raise the standard of play in each division by the introduction of new blood from the next higher one. The standard of play of the promoted team is usually raised and it is rare to see a newly promoted team relegated at the end of its first season in a higher division.

The teams at the bottom of division four really have to fight for their places because they must reapply for re-admission to the League together with a number of non-League teams. Such are the requirements of a League membership in regard to facilities etc. that even most of division four and the top non-League clubs make the Australian grounds look like the local council playing fields that they nearly all are. Mr Griffiths extols Sutherland's public relations. Without wishing to detract from what has already been done the "facilities" at Seymour Shaw are more than bettered at most of the U.K. non-League grounds.

I regret the inability of Sutherland to meet the competition in first division as much as anyone, but can the powers-that-be seriously be asked to overlook the claims of the leading second division clubs to be given the chance accorded to Sutherland? They took their chance to enter first division and must now prove themselves or drop down and give someone else a chance. — Yours faithfully, Mr. D. Clarke, Box Road, Sylvania, N.S.W.

CARD SYSTEM

SIRS — Many club officials must be kicking themselves for voting out the identity card system. Some of you must be saying to yourselves, "I'm sure that team was playing some over-aged boys." Eventually these clubs will get found out, but in the meantime, look at the hard work that the J.S.A. has got by going through all refs cards. All that would be needed is two small photos, one on the back of the registration card, and one on the part that is returned to the club. This card could be held by whoever is left in charge of the team — and if there is any doubt, the cards are there ready for inspection.

W.A. junior teams who finish top of their respective area leagues this season, should be placed in a separate league next season. This would give the ones that have not done so well this year, a chance to compete with other teams of the same level. By doing this, boys will be keener. It would also eliminate the high scoring. Yours etc., "Soccer Fan for Juniors", High Wycombe, W.A.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA SEEKS MORE INTERSTATE CONTACT

The Soccer Federation of W.A. is now making every effort to secure annual State matches on a home and away basis with South Australia.

For W.A. this type of contest is a must. In fact, an interstate carnival is a must and the objections of the few must be overcome for the good of the game Australia wide.

I don't think anyone would argue that N.S.W. holds the great majority of the best players in Australia. Under the present system it is becoming a case of the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

We in Perth need every outlet we can get to improve the quality of our game.

W.A's trips into Asia seem finally to have come to an end. Even if we had been invited again this season, it is doubtful whether we would have had the money to make our sixth journey in search of the golden fleece, so to speak.

Bayswater United attempted a mini tour of the East and had a good time and strengthened ties with our neighbour states.

It is this type of tour the W.A. federation wants to encourage, rather than spend vast sums of money touring Asia.

Clubs can increase their contact to greater advantage in the Eastern States at a fraction of the costs and gain a better idea of their standards than in Asia.

But will the Eastern States administrators play ball?

Past experience tells me no, because in general their idea of Australia stops at the South Australia border. Even that notion has only recently taken hold more firmly, with N.S.W. finally agreeing to meet South Australia after many years apart.

The arguments of distance and finance I believe are just an excuse for apathy. Breaking even apparently doesn't appeal to officials in the East. It must carry a profit.

Does W.A. have an inferiority complex? Most definitely! But then we have no reason to feel otherwise.

Once again the question must be asked: "Why can't we have an interstate carnival?" — **David Andrews.**

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